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#### Review

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#### From the Inside Flap

From 1892, when he was eighteen, until 1949 when this book was first published, Somerset Maugham kept a notebook. It is without a doubt one of his most important works. Part autobiographical, part confessional, packed with observations, confidences, experiments and jottings it is a rich and exhilarating admission into this great writer's workshop.

#### About the Author

W. Somerset Maugham was one of the twentieth century's most popular novelists, as well as a celebrated playwright, critic, and short story writer. He was born in Paris but grew up in England and served as secret agent for the British during World War I. He wrote many novels, including the classics *Of Human Bondage*, *The Razor's Edge*, *Cakes and Ale*, *Christmas Holiday*, *Moon and Sixpence*, *Theatre*, and *Up at the Villa*.

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